

## ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

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### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

#### Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations

In accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Social Services, under sections 17b-3 and 17b-812 of the Connecticut General Statutes, intends to amend sections 17b-812-1 to 17b-812-13, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and to add section 17b-812-14 to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

**Statement of purpose: (A) The purpose of the regulation:** To amend sections 17b-812-1 to 17b-812-13, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to comply with Public Act 09-118 and to make technical changes to reflect current practices. The proposed amendment adds language that permits a participant in the department's Rental Assistance Program who is aggrieved by a decision of the department or the department's agent to request an administrative hearing instead of an informal hearing, adds language that sets forth the notice, appeal and hearing process, and also makes technical changes to update and clarify the regulation to reflect current practices.

**(B) The problems, issues or circumstances that the regulation proposes to address:** The proposed amendment brings the existing regulation into compliance with Public Act 09-118 and makes technical changes to update and clarify the regulation to reflect current practices.

**(C) The legal effects of the regulation, including all of the ways that the regulation would change existing regulations or other laws:** The proposed amendment replaces the existing informal hearing process with an administrative hearing process as provided under section 17b-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The proposed amendment clarifies existing language and updates the regulation to reflect current practices, particularly with regards to family obligations and the permissible reasons for denying or terminating program assistance.

A copy of the complete text of this regulation is available, at no cost, upon request from the Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations and Administrative Hearings, Department of Social Services, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106; email: [sandie.prentiss@ct.gov](mailto:sandie.prentiss@ct.gov).

All written comments, questions, and concerns regarding this regulation may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Department of

Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations & Administrative Hearings, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106. Attention: Brenda Parrella, Director. A hearing will be scheduled on the proposed regulation if requested by fifteen persons, by a governmental subdivision of an agency or by an association having not less than fifteen members, if notice of the request is received by the Department within fourteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

When submitting comments, please refer to DSS Regulation # 10-04/DF.